



City of Story City

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July 21, 2009

I-JOBS Board
Iowa Finance Authority
2015 Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50312

Re: Story City Storm Sewer Improvements Project

Dear I-JOBS Board:

The Story City City Council at its July 20, 2009, meeting, approved this letter of support, funding commitment, and application for I-JOBS funding for the Story City Storm Sewer Improvements Project.

After the floods of 2008, the city took a pro-active first step and conducted a Storm Water Study. The purpose of the report was to study problem areas, develop a design to alleviate the problems, and develop a cost estimate for budget purposes.

The estimated cost of the Storm Sewer Improvements Project is \$591,360 of which we are respectfully requesting \$295,680 from I-JOBS. In July of 2008, the City Council adopted a Storm Water Utility Fee in order to provide the necessary financing for storm water improvements. The City will commit half the cost up to \$295,680 from the fee toward the cost of Story City Storm Sewer Improvements Project.

The city's goal is to reduce the risk of flooding and thereby avoid more costly infrastructure repairs and improvements. While the paramount benefit of the storm water improvement is to reduce flood risk, the economic benefits derived should not be overlooked. There is risk of property damage to a number of businesses, homes, and a public facility in the city.

Please contact the City should you have any questions or require additional information and the City thanks you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kenneth Peterson".

Kenneth Peterson, Mayor



June 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Story City Greater Chamber, I would like to express my support for the City of Story City I-Jobs application for the Community's Storm Sewer Improvements. In 2008 the City completed a study to address problem areas and design solutions and a budget estimate to get the necessary work completed. Correcting these issues will have a major impact on many important segments of the community.

Included problem areas include Bethany Manor, our local nursing/assisted living facility and Story City's largest employer. It is vital that we address the issues pertaining to this important organization. Other problem areas include other industry and businesses including American Packaging Corporation, the newly completed Thompson Auto, and Carousel Lanes Bowling which is frequented by many families and groups from around the area.

It is imperative that the City be able to address and find a solution for these storm sewer issues in order to avoid damages to business structures and properties. Maintaining an economically viable business climate is vital to the continued success of the Story City Community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn S. Honeycutt'.

Carolyn S. Honeycutt
Director

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Economic Development Appropriations
Subcommittee

July 1, 2009

I-Jobs
Grant Application

To Whom It May Concern:

I am sending this letter to show my support for the Story City Storm Sewer Improvements Project. Story City had a storm water study completed after the flooding of 2008 and this identified four major areas that need improvement due to the risk of structure and property damage to businesses and residences.

This report also developed a design to alleviate the problems as well as develop a cost estimate for budget purposes. Being awarded a grant under the I-JOBS programs would most certainly help to accomplish this work and make Story City a safer place to live.

I would appreciate your consideration of this grant application. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rich Olive', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Senator Rich Olive, Senate District #5



July 2, 2009

Mark Jackson, City Administrator
City Hall
504 Broad Street
Story City, Iowa 50248

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I am writing in support of the storm water drainage improvements contemplated for the south end of Story City.

In late May of 2008, storm waters from fields across the street from our nursing facility were unable to drain through the existing piping system under the streets on the south end of our property. As a result our 180 bed nursing facility received 14 inches of water through our freight entry ramp. Had the staff at Bethany not be able to build a dike in the basement surrounding our emergency generator and electrical supply panels we would have lost power and been forced to evacuate 130 very fragile residents, half of whom would have needed to be carried down a flight of stairs since the water had incapacitated our elevator system. Had we received 2 more inches of water in the basement evacuation would have been a reality.

In order to maintain critical care to the residents we were forced to carry usually large volumes of food, critical supplies, solid waste and soiled laundry up and down stairs as well as residents who needed more critical medical care. The cleanup, replacement of equipment, supplies and controls cost our facility over \$50,000 and as we are a non-profit organization these costs are born by our elderly residents. Had the residents been evacuated the costs would have been immeasurable higher in dollars as well as human suffering.

Thank you for your concern for our elders and for your pursuit of a solution to this pressing problem.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Betsy Warburton".

Betsy Warburton
President/CEO
Bethany Life Communities

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